

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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U.S. EPA's National Clean Water Act Recognition Awards Presentation during the Water Environment Federation's Technical Exposition and Conference (WEFTEC), and Announcement of 2007 National Awards Winners.

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency recognized municipalities and industries for outstanding and innovative technological achievements in wastewater treatment and pollution abatement programs. An inscribed plaque was presented to first and second place national winners at the annual Clean Water Act Recognition Awards presentation during the Water Environment Federation's Technical Exposition and Conference (WEFTEC). Recognition is made every year for outstanding programs and projects in operations and maintenance at wastewater treatment facilities, biosolids management and public acceptance, municipal implementation and enforcement of local pretreatment programs, cost-effective storm water controls, and combined sewer overflow controls. This action also announces the 2007 national awards winners.

**DATE:** Monday, October 15, 2007, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The national awards presentation ceremony was held at the San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, California.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Clean Water Act Recognition Awards are authorized by section 501(a) and (e) of the Clean Water Act, and 33 U.S.C. 1361(a) and (e). Applications and nominations for the national awards are recommended by EPA regions. A regulation establishes a framework for the annual recognition awards program at 40 CFR part 105. EPA announced the availability of application and nomination information for this year's awards (72 FR 26632, May 10, 2007). The awards program enhances national awareness of municipal wastewater treatment and encourages public support of programs targeted to protecting the public's health and safety and the nation's water quality. State water pollution control agencies and EPA regional offices make recommendations to headquarters for the national awards. Programs and projects being recognized are in compliance with applicable water quality requirements and have a satisfactory record with respect to environmental quality. Municipalities and industries are recognized for their demonstrated creativity and technological achievements in five awards categories as follows:

- (1) Outstanding Operations and Maintenance practices at wastewater treatment facilities;
- (2) Exemplary Biosolids Management projects, technology/innovation or development activities, research and public acceptance efforts;
- (3) Pretreatment Program Excellence;
- (4) Storm Water Management Excellence; and,
- (5) Outstanding Combined Sewer Overflow Control programs.

The winners of the EPA's 2007 National Clean Water Act Recognition Awards are listed below by category.

**Category:     Outstanding Operations and Maintenance Awards**

**First Place**

**Sub-category**

Kent County Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility  
Milford, Delaware

Large Advanced Plant

Persigo Wastewater Treatment Facility  
Grand Junction, Colorado

Large Secondary Treatment  
Plant

Kalispell Advanced Wastewater Treatment  
and Biological Nutrient Removal Facility  
Kalispell, Montana

Medium Advanced Plant

Douglasville-Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority  
South Central Urban Water Reuse Facility  
Douglasville, Georgia

Small Non-Discharging Plant

Village of Trempealeau Wastewater Treatment Facility  
Trempealeau, Wisconsin

Small Secondary Plant

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Ignacio, Colorado

Small Advanced Plant

**Second Place**

**Sub-category**

Flat Creek Water Reclamation Facility  
Gainesville, Georgia

Large Advanced Plant

City of Groton, Connecticut Water Pollution Control Facility  
Groton, Connecticut

Medium Advanced Plant

Barona Band of Mission Indians  
Lakeside, California

Small Advanced Plant

**Category:     Exemplary Biosolids Management Awards**

**First Place**

**Sub-category**

Ocean County Utilities Authority  
Bayville, New Jersey

Greater than 5 dry tons per  
day

City of Albany, Oregon  
Albany, Oregon

Less than 5 dry tons per day

University of Washington (Biosolids to Biodiesel)  
Seattle, Washington

Research and Innovation  
Activities

Columbus Water Works  
Atlanta, Georgia

Technology Development  
Activities

**Second Place**

Southside Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Dallas, Texas

Greater than 5 dry tons per  
day

**Category:    Outstanding Pretreatment Program Awards**

**First Place**

**Sub-category**

Tri-Cities: Vandalia, Tipp City, Huber Heights, Ohio  
Dayton, Ohio

0-5 Significant Industrial  
Users (SIUs)

City of Longmont, Colorado  
Longmont, Colorado

6-20 SIUs

Jacksonville Electric Authority  
Jacksonville, Florida

21 or more SIUs

**Second Place**

Big Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility  
Westminster, Colorado

0-5 SIUs

Persigo Wastewater Treatment Facility  
Grand Junction, Colorado

6-20 SIUs

Austin Water Utility  
Austin, Texas

21 or more SIUs

**Category:    Outstanding Storm Water Management Awards**

**First Place**

**Sub-category**

City of Oakland Watershed Improvement Program  
Oakland, California

Municipal Program

Caltrans Stormwater Management Program  
Sacramento, California  
Dated:

Municipal Program

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